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# Questions for the Technical Panel to Consider When Determining Long-Range Assumptions

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# Long-Range Economic and Demographic Assumptions

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The Trustees and the Working Group continually grapple with how to determine critical parameters and assumptions in the projections. To this end, it would be helpful to get feedback from the Technical Expert Panel on the following questions:

- With respect to the demographic assumptions, when is a change in prevalence or rate a trend that warrants a reconsideration of long-range assumptions?
- How much weight should we give to the magnitude or persistence of recent changes, and/or estimates from current models or research?
- What is the best approach or methodology for establishing assumptions?



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# For Example: What should the long-range fertility assumption be given recent declines in rates?

